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## Charlestown,

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# MANUAL

OF THE

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## CHARLESTOWN,

BOSTON, MASS.

WITH A BRIEF

HISTORY OF ITS ORGANIZATION,

*Founders, Pastors and Deacons,*

Articles of Faith and Covenant,

AND

*LIST OF MEMBERSHIP,*

1896.

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Apr. 27, 1921.

## Deacons.

ANTHONY S. MORSS, HENRY BROWER.

## Deaconesses.

Mrs. HELEN E. WALKER, Mrs. HENRY BROWER,
Mrs. GARDNER BATES, Miss HATTIE M. STINEHART.

## Prudential Committee.

ANTHONY S. MORSS, HENRY GOODWIN,
HENRY BROWER, GARDNER BATES,
WILSON R. RICHARDSON, Mrs. E. L. BROOKS,
Miss ANNIE J. WALKER.

## Clerk and Treasurer.

GARDNER BATES, 233 Main St., Charlestown.

## Sunday School.

HENRY BROWER, Superintendent.
CHARLES F. COBURN, Associate Superintendent.

Mrs. E. L. BROOKS, }
Mrs. A. L. SOUTHWORTH, } *Primary Department.*

Miss SARAH L. WALKER, Secretary and Treasurer,
35 Union St, Charlestown.

## Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Miss SARAH L. WALKER, President.
Miss S. OLIVE BAKER, Secretary and Treasurer.

## Boys' Brigade.

JAMES H. STEVENS, Captain.

# HISTORICAL SKETCH.

THE first public services of Christian worship on the shores of Massachusetts Bay were held in Charlestown in 1629 by Rev. Francis Bright, who came over from England the year before to Salem as one of the three "ministers to the servants" of the Massachusetts Company. July 30, 1639, Gov. John Winthrop, deputy-governor Thomas Dudley, Isaac Johnson, Esq., and Rev. John Wilson signed a covenant as the basis of the organization of a church, which soon received numerons additions; and as the majority of the Winthrop party removed to the Boston side of Charles River, the organization also removed, and has been continued as The First Church of Boston. But the difficulties of the ferry made it very hard for Charlestown people to attend services across the river, and therefore a re-organization was made on the old site, and the original covenant was re-affirmed on Friday, the 2d of November, 1632, under the name of "The Church of God in Charltowne."

The worshippers met for some months "in the umbrage of a large tree." After Gov. Winthrop and others removed to the Boston side the "Great House" which had been built by "the Company's servants" in anticipation of his arrival, for an official residence was purchased for £10 and fitted up for a place of worship. In 1636 it appears that another building was erected, toward which Gov. Winthrop says his son gave £5; there was, at all events, a "new meeting-house, newly built in town, on the south side of the Town Hill;" which Johnson described in 1650 as standing "in the market-place, comely built and large." In 1715 it was decided to build a new meeting-house "as near the old one as can be, with such additions of land as shall be needful for it." It stood in the square; was dedicated Aug. 5, 1716; and fitly enshrined the church until the battle of Bunker Hill, when it was consumed by fire. In 1783 a new temple was erected on the "Town House Hill," which the town ceded to the First Parish "for the sole purpose of erecting thereon a house for the public worship of God." In 1833 the present place of assembly was built. Here the Puritan faith and practice have continued, by the help of God, to the present time. A noble succession of pure, earnest men and women have worshipped and lived in

Gospel fashion ; training up thousands of children to usefulness and honor, furnishing "pillars" for many other churches, contributing largely to the founding and maintenance of all the great departments of Missions and benevolence, at home and abroad. A worthy line of educated and zealous ministers have taught "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints," and led great numbers to the salvation and service of Our Lord Jesus.

March 26, 1817, a number of persons, who differed from the faith of the church, were dismissed at their own request and formed the Harvard Church (Unitarian). January 9, 1833, thirty four members, who felt that the best interests of the Kingdom of Christ demanded the organization of a new congregation of the Orthodox faith, were dismissed to form the Winthrop Church.

While the grand record and shining examples of our past are associated with the name Charlestown, we stand today, in broader fellowship and larger plans for the future, as one of the churches of Boston. May we prove worthy of our history and our opportunity!

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In October, 1816, two societies were formed, one called the "The Charlestown Sabbath-School Society,"

composed of gentlemen ; the other, composed of ladies, called "The Charlestown Female Society for the Promotion of Sabbath Schools."

The officers of the first named were chosen Oct. 25, 1816, and consisted of Hon. Asahel Stearns, President ; Rev. Jedidiah Morse, D. D., Vice-President ; Mr. Samuel Kidder, Secretary ; Mr. Matthew Skilton, Treasurer ; Messrs. Rev. Oliver Brown, Deacon Isaac Warren, Eliashib Adams, Daniel Gregg, Ashur Adams, Managers. Messrs. Samuel F. B. Morse, Sidney E. Morse, Eliashib Adams, John Todd, appointed to "Superintend and Instruct the School at the Chapel." Mr. Daniel Gregg, the School at the Point. Miss Martha Edes, Superintendent of the Girls' School. Miss Eliza Harris, Miss Mary Kettell, Miss Betsey Kettell, Miss Sarah Kettell, Miss Mary Tufts, Teachers.

The officers of the female society, chosen the same year, were Mrs. Jeremiah Evarts, Directress ; Miss Mary L. Payson, Secretary ; Miss Sarah G. Payson, Treasurer ; Mrs. Jedidiah Morse, Mrs. Asahel Stearns, Mrs. Amelia Adams, Managers.

Whole number of Members from 1632 to 1896..... 3150
Number of persons baptized (about)..... 8350

# A PAGE FROM THE ANCIENT RECORD.

## The Names of those who did enter into the Covenant first.

Increase, Parnell, Nowell,
Tho:, Christian, Beecher.
Abra:, Grace, Palmer.
Ralph, Jone, Sprague.
Edward, Sarah, Convers.
Nicholas, Amy, Stowers.
Ezek:, Susan, Richeson.
Henery, Elizabeth, Harwood.
Robert, Jone, Hale.
Geo:, Margerit, Hucheson.
Tho:, Elizabeth, James.
William, Ann, Frothingham.
Ralph, Alice, Mousall.
Rice, Arrold, Cole.
Richard, Mary, Sprague.
John, Bethiah, Haule.
William Dade.
Thomas Minor.
Thomas Squire.

These were dismissed from Boston Church the 14th of the eight moneth, 1632.

### The Forme of the Covenant.

In the name of or Lord God, and in obedience to his holy will and divine ordinances.

Wee whose names are heer written being by his most wise and good providence brought together, and desirous to unite ourselvs into one Congregation or Church, under our Lord Jesus Christ our Head: In such sort as becometh all those whom he hath Redeemed and Sanctified unto himselfe, Doe heer Solemnly and Religiously as in his most holy presence, promice and bynde or selvs to walk in all or wayes according to the Rules of the Gospel, and in all sincere conformity to his holy ordinances; and in mutuall Love and Respect each to other: so near as God shall give us grace.

## PASTORS AND TEACHERS.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas James, | installed | November 2, 1632 ; | dismissed | March, | 1639 |
| Zechary Symmes, | ordained | Dec. 22, 1634 ; | died | February 4, | 1671 |
| Thomas Allen,* | —— | 1638 ; | dismissed | —— | 1651 |
| Thomas Shepard, | ordained | April 13, 1659 ; | died | Dec. 22, | 1677 |
| Thomas Shepard, Jr. | " | May 5, 1680 ; | " | June 8, | 1685 |
| Charles Morton, | installed | Nov. 5, 1686 ; | " | April 11, | 1698 |
| Simon Bradstreet, | ordained | Oct. 26, 1696 ; | " | Dec. 31, | 1741 |
| Joseph Stevens, | " | " 13, 1713 ; | " | Nov. 16, | 1721 |
| Hull Abbott, | " | Feb. 5, 1724 ; | " | April 18, | 1774 |
| Thomas Prentice, | installed | Oct. 3, 1739 ; | " | June 17, | 1782 |
| Joshua Paine, | ordained | January 10, 1787 ; | " | Feb. 27. | 1788 |
| Jedediah Morse, | " | April 30, 1789 ; | dismissed | Feb. 22, | 1820 |
| Warren Fay, | installed | February 23, 1820 ; | " | August 16, | 1839 |
| William Ives Buddington, | ord. | Apr. 22, 1840 ; | dismissed | July 24, | 1854 |
| James B. Miles, | ordained | Jan. 2, 1855 ; | " | Sept. 30, | 1871 |
| F. F. Ford, | installed | Oct. 11, 1872 ; | " | Dec. 3, | 1874 |
| Henry L. Kendall, | installed | April 19, 1876 ; | " | Nov. 13, | 1879 |
| George Wolcott Brooks, | | 1883 ; | | | 1890 |
| William Gleason Schoppe, | | 1890 ; | | | 1893 |
| Charles F. H. Crathern, | installed | May 3, 1893 ; | dismissed | Nov. 15, | 1895 |
| Charles Henry Pope, | | 1896. | | | |

*Rev. John Harvard supplied the vacancy for a short time previous to 1638.

## DEACONS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ralph Mensall, | 1632 | Timothy Austin, | 1768 |
| Robert Hale, | " | John Larkin, | 1787 |
| Thomas Lynde, | " | Thomas Miller, | " |
| John Greene, ruling Elder, | 1633 | James Frothingham, | 1793 |
| William Stillson, | 1659 | Amos Tufts, | 1804 |
| Robert Cutler, | " | Matthew Skelton, | 1818 |
| John Cutler, | 1671 | John Doane, Jr. | 1833 |
| Aaron Ludkin, | 1672 | Enoch Hunt, | 1836 |
| John Call, | 1695 | Ebenezer Ford, | 1839 |
| Joseph Kettle, | " | Oliver Dickson, | 1842 |
| Jonathan Cary, | 1710 | Henry P. Sweetser, | 1850 |
| Samuel Frothingham, | 1723 | James H. Goodrich, | 1853 |
| Jonathan Kettel, | " | Anthony S. Morss, | 1854 |
| Michael Brigden, | 1752 | Sereno B. Pratt, | " |
| Thomas Symmes, | " | James M. Gardner, | 1862 |
| William Kettell, | 1763 | William Peirce, | " |
| John Frothingham, | " | James Rea, | 1868 |
| David Cheever, | 1768 | Henry T. Delano, | " |

# STANDING RULES.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Church shall be holden in the month of January, when the Treasurer, who is expected to have the charge of the monies and property of the Church, shall make a report thereof. At this meeting a Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and an Auditing Committee appointed to examine his accounts for the coming year.

2. The Church shall also elect by ballot at the annual meeting, a Scribe, who shall assist the Pastor in keeping the Records of the Church, and a Prudential Committee, consisting of three persons, whose duty it shall be to assist the Pastor and Deacons in examining all applicants for admission to the Church, and do whatever they can to promote its order and discipline.

The Church recognizes the Pastor as head of the Sabbath School, and that the management of the school be referred to him and the Committee of the Church.

3. Candidates for admission to the Church shall, in ordinary cases, be propounded at least two weeks previous to their admission.

4. Members of this Church, intending to leave the city for any considerable time, are expected to give notice in writing of such intention to their Pastor.

5. Members of other Churches, who may wish to commune with this Church for more than one year, are expected to request a removal of their relation to us, unless they shall give satisfactory reasons to the Examining Committee for delay.

6. Members of this Church, who remove out of town, are expected to take up their connection with us and unite with some Church in or near the place where they reside, within one year from the time of their removal, unless they give satisfactory reasons for delay.

7. It is the duty of the members to attend such stated meetings as are appointed by vote of the Church, unless providentially prevented; and it is expected they will not leave meetings appointed for religious purposes in their own Church or Society, to attend elsewhere.

8. Any member having cause of complaint against another, should immediately seek to have it removed,

as directed in the 18th chapter of Matthew.

9. This Church considers immoral conduct, breach of express covenant vows, neglect of acknowledged religious or relative duties and family worship, and avowed disbelief of the Articles of Faith assented to by the members, as offences subject to the censure of the Church.

10. This Church is expected to hold a weekly meeting for devotional exercises and religious conference, to promote their growth in Christian knowledge and grace.

11. Those who become members of this Church, are required not to traffic in ardent spirits or use them as a drink.

12. This Church regards baptized children, when left orphans, as having a claim on the attention and care of the Church, that they may receive a religious education.

13. This Church regards christian discipline, as prescribed in the Gospel, as binding and essential to the honor and prosperity of religion.

14. The Standing Rules may be altered at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated once in two months, in the afternoon of the first Sabbaths in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Admissions to the Church are made in the afternoon before the communion; those by profession are received in the presence of the congregation.

The weekly meeting of the Church for devotional exercises and religious conference, is held on Friday evening; the preparatory lecture on Friday evening previous to the communion.

# FORM OF ADMISSION.

Dearly beloved, called of God to be his children through Jesus Christ, we give hearty thanks to God, who, by his spirit, has opened your eyes to see, and your hearts to receive Jesus as Lord, and who has inclined you to present yourselves at this time to make confession of Him.

With us you confess the common faith, saying:

## The Creed.

I believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; that these Three are One and in all Divine Attributes equal.

I believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are Divinely inspired and are the perfect rule of Christian faith and practice.

I believe that Jesus Christ has by His life, His obedience unto death, and resurrection, made an atonement for sin, through which salvation is freely offered to all.

I believe in the visible and aggressive Church of Christ; in the fellowship of Christians; in the forgiveness of sins; in the resurrection of the dead, when all mankind shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body, and in the life everlasting. *Amen.*

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Thus confessing with us and with all saints your Christian faith, before the Lord Jesus, and in the presence of His people, you devote yourselves to the love, obedience and service of Jesus Christ; to walk in all His ways now known, or hereafter to be made known to you, whatever it may cost you, according to your best endeavor, the Lord assisting you.

Beloved in the Lord, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, have confessed the faith of Christ before witnesses and have given yourselves to God in an everlasting covenant of grace. You do now cordially unite yourselves with this church of Christ; to share with us in its worship and work; to walk with us in love and faithfulness, so long as your relation to us shall continue.

We, then, the members of this church, receive you

into our communion and welcome you with joy to our fellowship.

We promise to pray for you, to watch over you and help you so long as you shall continue with us. God grant, that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the saints above. *Amen.*

# PRESENT MEMBERS.

## A.

Ainsworth, Samuel, Waverly House.
Allen, Elizabeth W., 40 Moreland St., Roxbury.

## B.

Bacheller, Clarabel, Lexington.
Bazin, Mary P. (Niles), Cottage St., Chelsea.
Bailey, Mary J., Chelsea.
Balfour, Mary D., Union St.
Ballard, Josephine T., 78 High St.
" Angie T., " " "
Baker, Daniel W., Everett.
" Phebe S., "
" Sarah Olive, "
Barnes, Julia E., North Conway, N. H.
Bashford, Almira G., 34 Brewer St, Newport, R.I.
Bates, Gardner, 1 Auburn St.
" Florence E. H., 1 Auburn St.
Beaman, Annie I. (Goodwin), Cambridge.

Bigelow, Hattie E., 26 Cordis St.
Blake, Elizabeth J. (Dempster) Medford Hillside.
Boardman, Ellen M., Westminister.
Bowker, L. A., 46 Cornhill.
Boyd, Fannie, Nova Scotia.
Brooks, George W., Pastor "Dorchester Village"
" Lizzie C., Church, Englewood St.
" Ellen A., 18 Oak St.
" Kate T., " " "
Brower, Henry, 20 Auburn St.
" Marietta, " "
Brigham, Lucy A. C., Somerville.
Brown, Eliza, 306 Main St.
" Anna Louise C., Providence, R. I.
" Benjamin, Lexington.
" Adeline, "
" Amos A., Mt. Pleasant St., Cambridge.
" Julia B. C., " " " "
Bullock, Abby O., Oak St.
Burnside, Mary A., 53 Walker St.
" Annie " " "
" Elizabeth, " " "
Butler, Mrs. James E.

## C.

Campbell, Catherine, 21 Mystic St.
Carlisle, Elsie F., 24 Cordis St.
Chestnut, Helen, 3 Trenton St.
Childs, Helen M., 35 Union St.
" Carrie M., " " "
Coburn, Calvin, 148 Spring St., E. Cambridge.
" Charles " " "
" Georgiana M., " "
" Mary A. " "
Crathern, Sarah G. T., Braintree
Cunningham, Sarah, 16 Chestnut St.
" John H., Chelsea.
Currier, Lelia A. (Shattuck), Newburyport.

## D.

Dart, E. Gertrude (Brown), Cambridge.
Davis, Eliza,
" Ella M. (Stevens), Roslindale.
" Ellen M.
Dempster, Emma C.
Dearborn, Isabelle M., 117 High St.
Doherty, Margaret G.
Doliber, Sarah A. (Stinehart), Fitchburg.
Duffee, Mary E.

Dunnels, Louise B., 615 Tremont St.
Dunton, Minnie S. (Dodge), Somerville.

## F.

Fifield, Mary J. (Bell),
Fiske, Lyman B., 18 Story St. Cambridge.
Flanders, Louise, 21 Sullivan St.
Foster, Alice S. (Wiley), Howard Pl. c. Elm St.

## G.

Gage, Nellie F., 24 Wigglesworth St., Somer.
Gardner, Martha, Middlesex St.
" Stearns H., " "
" Elizabeth I. (Flanders), 68 Ferrin St.
Gary, Callie E., Waverly House.
Gibson, Mary J., Everett.
Goodrich, Martha, 79 Academy St. Fitchburg.
Goodwin, Henry, 11 Mt. Vernon St.
" Mary A., " " "
Goulding, Harriette (Sawyer), Lexington.

## H.

Hale, Anna S., 1 Laurell St.
Hall, Edith May, 12 Thompson St.
" Fannie M., 92 Perkins St. Somerville.
" Mary E.

Hambleton, Annie M., 49 Bow St.
Hanson, George B., 45 Sullivan St.
" Gertrude F. L. " "
" Annie O., 66 Washington St.
Heald, Jessie Blanche, 143 High St.
Henry, Eva, 26 Green St.
Hildreth, William H., Pernambuco, Brazil.
Hill, Mary F,, Medford Hillside.
Hooper, Sarah E., 36 Bartlett St.
Houghton, Harry, 12 Cordis St.
Howe, (Lincoln) Ruth, 64 Summer St., Somer.
Howe, Lucius T., Portland, Me.
Howe, Jennie, " "

## J.

Jarvis, Cora M., 26 Essex St.
Josselyn, Martha G., 13 Landers St., Somerville.

## K.

Kimball, Kate, 30 Monument Ave.

## L.

Lamson, Fannie M., 51 High.
Lincoln, George A., Somerville.
" Annie R., West Fairlee, Vt.
" Mary J., " " "
Lund, Annie M., 13 Humboldt Av. Roxbury.

## M.

Magrath, Charles, 39 Miller.
" Margaret, "
" Mary "
Marsh, (Jenkins) Lottie E., 41 Essex.
McCloskey, (Bemis) Annie E., Laconia, N.H.
Martin, A. Perry, 453 Columbus Avenue.
McKean, Abner J., 427 Main.
Moore, (Peterson) Harriet L.,
" (Leadbetter) Lorena, Chicago.
Morse, Bella J. (Benn), 49 Soley St.
Morss, Anthony S., 42 Harvard St.
" Lucy E., " " "
Moulton, Frederick A., 88 Green St.
" Arthur M. 89 " "

## P.

Peterson, Emily.
Phelps, W. N., Vermont.

## Q.

Quidor, Hannah B. (Rand).

## R.

Rea, John, Mt. Vernon St.
" Jeannie B., " "
Richards, Ellen M. A., 35 Monu. Ave.

Richardson, Wilson R., Somerville.
" Annie (Josselyn), Somerville.
" Russell E., Pawtucket, R. I.
Richardson, George M., Wakefield.
" Elwine A. (Walkling), Wakefield.
Rideout, Mary M., 1 Prescott St.
Robbins, Susan H. (Lamson), Nashua, N. H.
Robinson, Margaret (Smith), Canada.
" Edward E., 75 Bartlett St.
" Herbert S., 55 Pearl St.
" Nellie May, 75 Bartlett.
Rogers, Sarah M. B. (Christie), Auburndale.
Rose, William B., Arlington St. Brighton.
Rose, Jane E. " " "
Rowell, Wm. B., Waltham.
" Elizabeth B., "

## S.

Sawyer, Charlotte M.
" Marcia N.
" Eva, Brunswick, Me.
Schofield, Bertha A., 9 Harvard Square.
" George C., "
Seavey, Edna M., 13 Sullivan St.
Sherman, Annie S., 15 Flint St., Somerville.
Sherman, Lilian M., " " "

Smith, Emily (Gardner), Dorchester.
" Harriet M. (Gardner), "
" Susan R.
Southworth, Abba L., 23 Cross St.
Spaulding, Jesse C., Nashua, N. H.
" Carrie A., " "
Stevens, James H., 23 Trenton St.
" Zeruiah R., 46 Mystic St.
" George W. " " "
Stinehart, Harriet M., 60 Soley St.
" Martha L., " "
Stockbridge, Caroline (Studley), Somerville.
Studley, Joseph A.
Sutton, John R., 21 Pleasant St.
" Arabella, " " "
" Emma F. (Steele), Somerville.
Swain, Mary E. (Josie), 98 Harvard Sq.
Swallow, Rebecca P., 27 Cordis St.

## T.

Todd, Charlotte, Somerville.
Tucker, Emily J., Roxbury.
Turner, A. L., Waverly.
" Sarah T., Melrose.

## V.

Varney, Charlotte, Albion Place.

## W.

Walker, Helen E., 35 Union St.
" Annie J., " " "
" Sarah L., " " "
Warner, Alice C., 10 Hancock St.
" Elizabeth, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Washburn, Isadore F. (Swift), Revere.
West, Florence L., 6 Washington St.
White, Henry, Malden.

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